



**Lilo barred from Ronson's party**  
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## Halifax RCMP gets first female supervisor

**POLICE** The Halifax District RCMP has its first commissioned female officer.

Insp. Joanne Crampton has been named the new operations officer for the district and will be responsible for the day-to-day front line operations of all the RCMP Halifax detachments.

Crampton joined the RCMP in 1998 and was commissioned to the rank of inspector to the province of Nova Scotia in January 2008.

"She brings a wealth of operational experience through her diverse policing background and I'm confident she will contribute significantly to our overall policing efforts in HRM, including crime reduction," said Supt. Darrell Beaton, officer in charge of Halifax district.

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## Metro recipe of the day



Rob Guildford from the Society of Radio Control Modelers shows Caleb MacDonald, 5, a de Havilland Canada DHC-1 Chipmunk yesterday at the 11th annual Shearwater Aviation Museum spring hobby show.

Shearwater

Hobby show

# World without nukes?

Barack Obama outlines plan to rid world of nuclear weapons

**U.S. President Barack Obama set out his vision for ridding the world of nuclear arms yesterday, declaring the United States ready to lead steps by all states with atomic weapons to reduce their arsenals.**

Delivering a speech given new urgency by North Korea's rocket launch hours earlier, Obama said the United States would go ahead with plans to build a missile defence shield in Europe as long as Iran posed a threat with its nuclear program.

On a visit to the Czech capital, once a focal point in the Cold War between the West and the Soviet Union, Obama pledged to cut the U.S. nuclear arsenal, to bring the Compre-

**"Make no mistake: As long as these weapons exist, we will maintain a safe, secure and effective arsenal to deter any adversary."**

U.S. President Barack Obama

hensive Test Ban Treaty into force and to seek tough penalties for those that broke rules on non-proliferation.

"The United States will take concrete steps towards a world without nuclear weapons," he told a cheering crowd of more than 20,000 in Hradcany Square outside the medieval Prague Castle.

"To put an end to Cold War thinking, we will reduce the role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy and urge

others to do the same," Obama said, adding: "We will seek to include all nuclear weapons states in this endeavour."

He acknowledged the goal of a nuclear arms-free world might not be reached in his lifetime and added: "Make no mistake: As long as these weapons exist, we will maintain a safe, secure and effective arsenal to deter any adversary."

Referring directly to North Korea, he said Pyongyang should be pun-

ished for breaking the rules with its rocket launch and called on it verifiably to scrap its nuclear weapons programs.

North Korea's defiance of U.S. warnings was Obama's most serious foreign policy challenge since he took office Jan. 20, and the world will watch closely his handling of it.

"Now is the time for a strong international response. North Korea must know that the path to security and respect will never come through threats and illegal weapons," he said.

North Korea said the launch was intended to put a satellite in orbit. The White house said the launch was "unsuccessful."

REUTERS

## Body ID'd as missing taxi driver Kostin

**INVESTIGATION** The RCMP has confirmed a body found near North Preston is that of missing cab driver Sergei Kostin.

The body was found Wednesday afternoon near where Kostin's burned-out taxi was discovered in January.

The RCMP Forensic Unit and Medical Examiner's Office positively identified the body Saturday and the findings were released to the media that evening. They identified him through finger prints.

The RCMP isn't releasing the cause of death.

Kostin picked up a fare on Gaston Road in Dartmouth Jan. 17 and hadn't been seen or heard from since.

Three days after his disappearance, Kostin's burned taxi was found in North Preston.

The 40-year-old from the Ukraine has a wife and two children in his homeland.

His immediate family has been notified of his death.

Police have been searching the area where his taxi was found since January, but officers discovered the body lying about 20 feet from Upper Governor Road Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Police are continuing their investigation and want to speak with two males who are believed to have been his final customers of the day on Jan. 17.

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# Local



## IIHF championships up for award

The Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance has named the 2008 IIHF World Hockey Championships among the three finalists for the PRESTIGE Award for Sport Event of the Year (budget over \$250,000). The event was co-hosted by Halifax and Quebec City last May. All of the award winners will be announced on April 16. **METRO HALIFAX**

### Another teen charged in vicious bus stop attack

**COURT** A second person is facing an attempted murder charge following a vicious attack eight days ago on a 15-year-old boy at a Dartmouth bus stop.

Nick Pace, 18, was picked up by police in the Truro area on Thursday and was arraigned in Dartmouth provincial court on Friday charged with several offences, including attempted murder. A 15-year-old Dartmouth boy has also been arraigned on a charge of attempted murder. **METRO HALIFAX**

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What's online today.

**Video** Police lay charges against three more men in B.C. apartment killings, at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)  
**Video** Female Canadian Forces officer keeps order on Afghan worksite, at [metronews.ca/world](http://metronews.ca/world)

**Comment** Guidy Mamann looks at the George Galloway case and the legal quandary that it creates for Canada's immigration service.



#### Lotteries

Friday, Apr. 3  
 Super 7: 2, 10, 11, 22, 33, 38 & 45 Bonus 41  
 Saturday, Apr. 4  
 Lotto 6/49: 17, 20, 22, 37, 40 & 48 Bonus 33  
 These results are not official.

## Clogged culvert floods homes



Kevin Sinyerd looks over his wife's brand new Chevrolet Aveo which was completely submerged under water on Saturday during the flooding in Beaver Bank.

PAUL MCLEOD  
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**Kevin Sinyerd woke up Saturday to discover his basement flooded and his family's vehicles in the yard under water. He then did the only thing to do in that situation?**

"I tried to go back to bed," said the Beaver Bank man. He awoke later when his neighbours canoed over to his house to check if everything was OK. Sinyerd was one of the hardest hit residents in the area of flooding caused by rain, melting snow and a beaver dam.

A clogged culvert turned Davis Drive in Beaver Bank into a pool, washing away some of the road and flooding nearby homes like Sinyerd's.

Flooding in Sinyerd's basement has likely damaged many of his possessions. But it's the personal

belongings that could be the biggest blow.

"It's a mess," he said of his basement. "All the boxes on the shelves, that's all our personal belongings, whether it's photographs of the kids when they're younger or their school-work that we kept. We haven't gotten into it yet. We'll deal with that later."

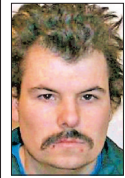
The family vehicles, including his wife's new Chevrolet Aveo were completely submerged in water. He's not sure how much is covered by insurance.

Department of Transportation officials eventually fixed the blockage and by yesterday much of the flooding had subsided. Roads in Hantsport, Oakfield and Beaver Bank are scheduled to be repaired today. Chief among them is Davis Drive.

"Much of the shoulder was washed away," said transportation spokeswoman Cathy MacIsaac.

## High-risk sex offender recently released

**ALERT** The Halifax Regional Police has announced the recent release of a sexual offender they say is at a high risk to reoffend. **Donald J.**



Fisher, 33, has been released from prison after serving his full two-year sentence for numerous

property-related crimes. Fisher has multiple previous convictions, including sex offences against both children and adults. He has been professionally assessed as a high risk to re-offend in a sexual manner, police say.

Fisher is on a number of conditions, which are intended to prevent him from having contact with children under the age of 16.

He is a five-foot-five white male, 120 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes.

The police say this information is to alert the public and any vigilante activity will not be tolerated. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Mistakenly released prisoner back in jail

Ryan Jessop is back in jail after being mistakenly released from custody.

Early Friday morning, police found Jessop at a Highland Park Drive apartment where he was taken back into custody without incident.

Sgt. Bill Morris said the drug unit had information regarding Jessop's location and got a search warrant.

"Everything went smooth. They entered the apartment and Mr. Jessop was there," Morris said.

"The officers took him into custody and returned him to the correctional centre."

Jessop, a 22-year-old from Dartmouth, was accidentally released at Halifax Provincial Court Tuesday, just one day after officials discovered

they had accidentally released another prisoner six days earlier.

That man, Chancellor Faulkner, was apprehended Wednesday and is also now back behind bars.

Jessop was released the same way as Faulkner. He was on his way to court for charges including possession of a weapon, uttering

threats and extortion, and should have been sent back to Burnside jail.

But a clerical error led to his form saying he could be released.

Both incidents are being investigated and Nova Scotia Justice Minister Cecil Clarke said "appropriate disciplinary action will be taken."

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## Missing teen girl found mildly hypothermic

**SEARCH** A 16-year-old Gaetz Brook girl was taken to hospital yesterday with mild hypothermia after a police K-9 team found the missing girl in the woods around West Chezzetcook.

Police say the teenager was reported missing at 1:32 a.m. yesterday morning. She was last seen running towards the open water.

Ground Search and Rescue was called in to assist police and fire personnel

and a helicopter was dispatched through the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre.

At 3:35 a.m., the police K-9 team found the girl in the woods conscious and breathing, but in a hypothermic state.

The girl, who wasn't properly dressed for the weather conditions, was transported to the IWK Health Centre for treatment and an assessment. **METRO HALIFAX**

### News in brief

**SHOOTING** Police believe they have recovered one of the vehicles involved in a shooting last Wednesday in Dartmouth. Police received an anonymous tip Friday morning of a vehicle

parked in a driveway at a Cole Harbour residence for the past two days with two bullet holes in the driver's side. Halifax District RCMP members seized the car. **METRO HALIFAX**

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The Nova Scotia Community College's Akerley Campus will be holding an open house today from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will showcase students from a number of different programs demonstrating their skills that they've learned at the school. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Chris Young shows a telescope yesterday at an International Year of Astronomy event at Dresden Row Market in Halifax.

## Connecting with stars

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax



"You can see a lot (with binoculars), especially if you're city-bound."

**Stargazers wrapped up 100 soggy hours of astronomy yesterday, ending with a telescope clinic at Halifax's Dresden Row Market.**

"The first thing about buying a telescope is: Don't buy one. Come and talk to us first," laughed David Chapman of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. "If people just rush out and buy one, they tend to be a bit junky."

**"We're just trying to get people to connect with the sky."**

David Chapman, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada

Amateur and professional astronomers caught a few hours of clear sky Saturday night to explore the Andromeda galaxy and other treats from the Wanderers' Grounds. The 100 hours was part of the International Year of Astronomy and last week's focus was the tools you need to see the stars up close.

A good telescope can cost from a few hundred dollars up into the billions, but Chapman said a nice pair of binoculars costing about \$150 will get you started.

"We're just trying to get people to connect with the sky," Chapman said. "This is the No. 1 thing people come to us with: They've bought a telescope, but they can't see anything. There's so much (sky)."

Astronomy Nova Scotia is holding a series of public talks this year. Go to [Astronomynovascotia.ca](http://Astronomynovascotia.ca) for details.

The UN-declared IYA celebrates the 400th anniversary of one of the great intellectual revolutions in human history. In 1609, Tuscan scientist Galileo Galilei peered into the newly invented telescope and turned millennia of thinking on its head by proving the Earth isn't the centre of the universe.

## Rodd acclaimed NDP chief

**P.E.I.** James Rodd won the leadership of the Prince Edward Island New Democratic Party by acclamation Saturday during the party's annual general meeting and leadership convention in Charlottetown. He had been the interim leader since 2007.

Rodd is taking over a

party that is in disarray, which was made abundantly clear when he was the only candidate for the top job. He said the party is in countdown mode to the next provincial election in 2011 and he wants to be ready to fight it by June 30, 2011.

CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN



**Woman dies without inheritance**

Mary McCarthy, a Canadian widow living in Cuba whose fortune was trapped in a Boston bank by the U.S. trade embargo died Friday at the age of 108 without having ever gotten her money, according to her godson. **REUTERS**

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# Canada

## Students slack off: Study

Profs say Immaturity, Wikipedia common among first-years

**University professors feel their first-year students are less mature, rely too much on Wikipedia and "expect success without the requisite effort," says an Ontario-wide survey to be released today.**

More than 55 per cent of Ontario's faculty and librarians surveyed believe students are less prepared for university than even three years ago. In fact, many post-secondary institutions have had to create catch-up courses to help those who are struggling.

"It wasn't a shock for me — I'm aware of what's happening out there," said Bri-

### College report

- Colleges too report troubles with unprepared students, especially in math.

an Brown, a University of Windsor visual arts professor. He also heads the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, which oversaw the online survey of about 2,000 professors and university librarians out of the province's 15,000.

"What the questionnaire reveals is a serious challenge that we are facing in

the system. We are teaching students from what is basically an under-resourced secondary school system."

James Côté, a sociology professor at the University of Western Ontario, says the survey confirms a lot of recent research, and that the decline in student preparedness began years ago, but has more recently accelerated.

"It's a wider societal issue, where leisure is very much valued and work habits are not necessarily reinforced in the way that they were in the past. The work ethic is not what it

used to be ... no pain, no gain doesn't seem to be prevalent any more."

Côté co-authored a book, *Ivory Tower Blues: A University System in Crisis*, that in part chronicled the issues professors have with today's students and maintains a blog where he hears from professors all the time.

With the current focus on stemming high-school dropouts, discipline and punctuality are not longer reinforced, and students come to university expecting to continue that, he added.

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### Vancouver Rally against hate



Vancouverites gather for a gay rights rally yesterday. Those at the rally called for hate crime designations for violence against homosexuals following a March attack on a 62-year-old man at a local pub. The man sustained serious brain injuries following the attack.

### Charges laid in Surrey Six killings

**MURDERS** Eileen Mohan says she never lost faith that the person who murdered her 22-year-old son in their Surrey, B.C., apartment would be caught.

After 18 months, her patience was rewarded with the arrest of Dennis Karbovanec, 28, an alleged member of the Red Scorpions gang who Thursday will be sentenced in the murder of Chris Mohan and two other men. "It's bittersweet," Mohan said.

Karbovanec was arrested and immediately pleaded guilty Friday to second-degree murder in the deaths of Mohan, Ryan Bartolomeo, 19, and Michael Lal, 26, who were killed along with three other men in a Surrey highrise in October 2007. Three other arrests were also made over the weekend.

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### Nursing allowed in Calgary pools

**LAW** Calgary city pools will now be designated a "breastfeeding friendly" zone.

Breastfeeding crusader and mother of a 21-month-old girl, Gemma Kelsall said the end result of speaking out against the Killarney Aquatic and Recreation Centre for not allowing her to feed her daughter in water has been worth the trouble.

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### Canadian among 4 kidnapped in Darfur region

**ABDUCTION** Two foreign workers for Aide Medicale Internationale were kidnapped at gunpoint in Sudan's Darfur region overnight, the French medical aid group said yesterday.

Sudanese officials said unidentified men seized the two women — one Canadian, the other French — and two Sudanese guards from their compound in Ed el Fursan in South Darfur just before

midnight Saturday.

The two guards were later released, the officials said.

The second kidnapping of Western humanitarian workers in Darfur in less than a month has raised fears for the safety of foreigners in Sudan's violent west.

Tensions are running particularly high in the war-torn region following the International Criminal Court's issuing of an arrest

warrant against Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir on charges of masterminding war crimes in Darfur.

"Two staff have been taken. Both are women. One is Canadian and one French," Ali Youssef Ahmed, head of protocol at Sudan's Foreign Ministry, said.

The state Sudanese Media Centre reported the kidnappers had asked for a ransom.

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New Brunswick police are asking the public for help after the body of an infant boy was found Saturday in a snowbank in the Moncton area. The baby was discovered early Saturday evening, RCMP Cpl. Marie Beaudry said. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Saskatchewan good site for nuclear reactor: Report

**POWER** Saskatchewan, home to much of the world's uranium reserves, would be a good place to build Western Canada's first nuclear reactor, according to a report released Friday by a government advisory panel.

The panel told the Saskatchewan government that a 3,000 megawatt nuclear power plant would meet the province's needs and offer export opportunities.

"We know there's strong demand," said Richard Florizone, who chaired the provincially appointed panel.

The Saskatchewan government is planning a series of public meetings before deciding the province's next step in nuclear development.

Saskatchewan is the world's largest producer of natural uranium, accounting for more than one-fifth of global production.

### The builder

Bruce Power is looking for a site in central Saskatchewan to build a 1,000-megawatt reactor, although it would need government approvals and upgraded energy transmission lines.

That's one of the reasons Western Canada is a great place for a reactor, said Armand Laferriere, a panel

member and president of French mining giant Areva Canada.

"Western Canada has a long-term trend of economic growth ... (and) it has a welcoming business atmosphere," he said.

The earliest that construction could begin on a Saskatchewan plant would be five years from now, said Ken Cheveldayoff, the government's minister publicly owned corporations.

REUTERS



Jacqueline Vong enjoys her coffee after "paying it backward" at a Second Cup outlet in Toronto Saturday.

## Paying it backward

ROBYN YOUNG  
for Metro Canada

SunnySide

**More than 600 Torontonians lined up at a Queen Street West coffee shop Saturday to buy a cup of joe for the person behind them, breaking the record of 490 people set in Seattle in 2007.**

Pay it Backward Day, organized by Darius Basher, the founder of social networking website Daily Challenge, was a resounding success with 602 people joining the line at last count and all proceeds donated to the SickKids Hospital Foundation.

Hot beverage lovers endured the blustery weather in a long line outside the Second Cup at Queen and John streets for a chance to pay it backward.

"I feel totally humbled by the ability to work with such wonderful people in such an amazing city," Basher said yesterday.

This was not the first "doing good" idea for Basher and his Daily Challenge

crew.

The 26-year-old launched dailychallenge.org about four months ago and the site has since inspired hundreds of people from Toronto and around the world, to commit small acts of kindness on a daily basis.

But Pay it Backward is the biggest challenge developed by Basher and Daily Challenge members to date.

"We wanted to show the world that when many people get together and do small, but fun acts of kindness, we can create substantial change," said Basher.

"I heard about Pay it Backward and thought it was a really unique concept and a really nice thing to do," said Jacqueline Vong, sipping a coffee.

"So I thought, after I get my groceries, I'm going to pay it back."

At last count before press time, Pay it Backward had raised more than \$1,500 for the SickKids foundation.

## Volunteers prepare to assist families displaced by flood

**MANITOBA** As locals tirelessly pack sandbags and gather supplies in Manitoba, Red Cross volunteers are preparing to act as a lifeline between evacuees.

The rising water level of the Red River threatens nearly 200 homes, with the potential to displace residents by mid-week.

Praying for the best, though anticipating the worst, Edmonton chaplain Marj Pettinger prepared yesterday for a two-week mission to help out in the

flood zone.

"We are, all of us, body, soul, and spirit," she said. "I think helping others in need is part of who we were created to be — no man is an island."

Pettinger will join nearly 50 Red Cross volunteers who have descended upon Manitoba.

"This is the time when people's heart-strings are pulled and they want to get involved — we can always use more hands," she said.

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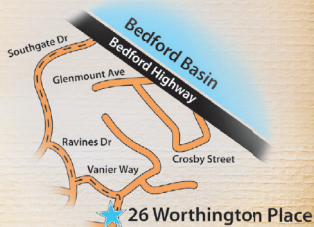
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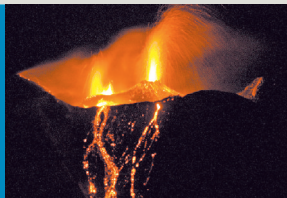
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Police in northern Germany are searching for a man who tried to walk out of a supermarket with 68 tubes of toothpaste stuffed into his clothing. "We don't know if he had bad teeth," a police spokeswoman in Rostock said on Friday. **REUTERS**

# World



## Volcano blast intensifies

Chile's Llaima volcano, one of South America's most active, belched ash six kilometres into the sky that was blown towards nearby Argentina, prompting more evacuations. Llaima began spitting lava in a fresh bout of activity Friday night. It erupted fiercely on Jan. 1, 2008, and has expelled rock and ash sporadically since then. **REUTERS**

## Spain Palm Sunday procession



Penitents take part in the procession of the La Borriquito brotherhood in Seville, Spain, yesterday. Hundreds of Easter processions take place around the clock in Spain during Holy Week.

# UN torn by N. Korea launch

**North Korea fired a long-range rocket yesterday, provoking international outrage, but a divided UN Security Council failed to agree on a reaction to Pyongyang's defiant move.**

The reclusive communist state, which has tested a nuclear device and is in stalled six-party talks on ending its nuclear program, said a satellite was launched and was orbiting the Earth transmitting revolutionary songs.

olutionary songs.

The United States and South Korea said the Taepodong-2 rocket failed to enter orbit. Analysts said the launch was effectively a test of a ballistic missile designed to carry a warhead as far as Alaska.

Western countries and Japan said the action violated a 2006 Security Council resolution demanding that Pyongyang not launch any more ballistic missiles and that it suspend its missile program.

## Russia, China urge caution

Russia's Foreign Ministry called for "a balanced approach and caution" yesterday while discussing North Korea's launch of a long-range rocket at the UN Security Council.

China, the closest North Korea has to a major ally, similarly urged diplomats not to overreact. Chinese Ambassador Zhang Yesui said yesterday that any reaction must be "cautious and proportionate."

sile program.

Diplomats said China and Russia had vowed to use their veto powers to block any resolution im-

posing new sanctions on Pyongyang, and that both nations are unconvinced the launch violated UN rules. **REUTERS**

## 3,000 more troops will turn tide on Taliban: U.S.

**KABUL** The top U.S. military officer said yesterday extra troops being sent to Afghanistan this year would start to turn the tide against the Taliban-led insurgency.

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Admiral Mike Mullen, was visiting Kabul with U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke a day after NATO agreed to boost troop numbers before Afghanistan's presidential election in August.

NATO leaders agreed at a summit on Saturday to deploy 3,000 more troops to boost security for the Aug. 20 election, the key test of U.S. success in a mission

## Assignment

- Most of the new troops will be sent to the south, which forms the heartland of Taliban support.

that U.S. President Barack Obama has made a centerpiece of his foreign policy.

The NATO reinforcements will be on top of 17,000 extra U.S. troops due in the country by July and 4,000 American soldiers due to arrive before September to train Afghan forces. They will join about 70,000 international troops in Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

## Tamil rebels cornered: Sri Lanka

**COLOMBO** Sri Lanka's military said yesterday troops had confined the Tamil Tiger rebels to a no-fire zone, where the last act of the 25-year separatist war will play out with tens of thousands of civilians still trapped.

Three separate units killed at least 420 rebels after surrounding them in a

triangle-shaped single square kilometre during a three-day battle, the military said. That means the remaining rebel-held area is less than 20 square kilometres on the island's northeast coast where the UN has said the Tigers have kept more than 100,000 civilians as human shields. **REUTERS**

## Sarkozy defends police over riot

**FRANCE** French President Nicolas Sarkozy yesterday defended the police handling of violent anti-NATO protests in Strasbourg in which buildings, including a seven-storey hotel, were smashed and set ablaze.

The mayor of Strasbourg

said the police appeared to have problems controlling the rioting, but Sarkozy said thousands of police deployed had done a "remarkable job" and he pledged to crack down on the "thugs" he blamed for the violence. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**ITALY** An earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter scale rocked central Italy last night, seriously damaging some houses, officials said. A number of people were reported to be injured and others trapped under rubble.

**AFGHANISTAN** President Hamid Karzai has ordered a review of a new law for Afghanistan's Shi'ite minority after Western nations raised concerns over its impact on women's rights. **REUTERS**

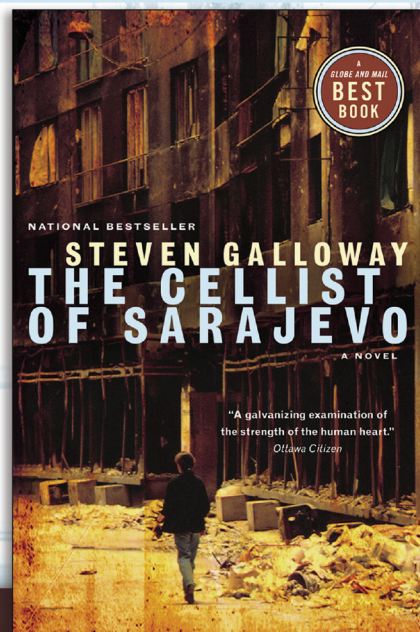
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**Danish finance minister to become PM**

Danish Finance Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen has won the backing of the Liberal Party's coalition allies to become prime minister after Anders Fogh Rasmussen steps down on Sunday to be the new head of NATO. **REUTERS**

# U.S. accused of running spy base

Russian TV says Central Asian surveillance centre targeting Russia, China

**Russian state television accused the United States yesterday of spying on China and Russia after secretly turning its only remaining air base in Central Asia into a state-of-the-art surveillance centre.**

A U.S. defence official dismissed the allegations as ridiculous on Friday, when Rossiya television, widely seen as an official mouthpiece in Russia, released a clip of the documentary it aired yesterday about the Manas base.

Kyrgyz and U.S. officials

could not be reached for comment last night.

Kyrgyzstan told Washington in February to close the base near the capital Bishkek, used to send supplies to U.S. troops in Afghanistan, after it secured a \$2 billion US economic aid package from Russia. The Americans are due to leave in August.

Airing the documentary, called Base, Rossiya showed a compound of two-storey windowless buildings, and said: "In one of the buildings ... there is

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Russian documentary

a multi-channel, multi-functional system of radio-electronic surveillance.

"This station can eavesdrop the whole world — every fax, every emailed letter. Every call from a mobile or landline phone is being recorded and processed. Billions of mes-

sages are being intercepted."

It said: "At Manas, the U.S. built a station which controls entire Central Asia, parts of China and Siberia. For Americans, the existence of the intelligence complex at the base is more important than

the runway. It was done in a treacherous way, without being endorsed by the Kyrgyz authorities."

Airing the film just days after Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's first meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama is likely to raise speculation of tensions within Russia's elite.

The U.S. official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity Friday, noted the TV report surfaced just as U.S. and Kyrgyz officials had resumed dialogue over the base's future. **REUTERS**

## Students quiz space tourist

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**HUNGARY** When nine Hungarian high school students made radio contact with space tourist Charles Simonyi at the International Space Station yesterday, he was happy to take their questions.

Simonyi, a Hungarian-born billionaire software executive, is the only space tourist who has taken the journey twice. He told the students that being in space does not allow him time to read and that the most uncomfortable thing at the space station is the lack of opportunities to wash.

One of the most interesting things about his trip, he said, was the sense of speed.

Nine student were chosen from across Hungary. Each was allowed to ask one question.

Simonyi is scheduled to return to Earth tomorrow.

# U.S. is ready to lead on climate, says Obama

**PRAGUE** The United States is ready to take a leading role in tackling climate change, President Barack Obama said yesterday, receiving a cautious welcome from European Union hosts at talks in the Czech capital, Prague.

Obama made the commitment at an EU-U.S. summit intended to mend transatlantic ties stretched by the Bush administration and Iraq war, which triggered tensions between supporters such as Britain and critics including France and Germany.

The U.S. president stepped up calls for European governments to help him close the Guantanamo Bay prison, and reaffirmed U.S. backing for Turkey's EU membership hopes — in remarks that won a cool response from France and Germany.

But his European hosts were mostly interested in whether Washington would back European efforts to ensure UN talks in

## EU green plan

- The 27-nation EU has committed to reducing carbon gas emissions by 20 per cent by 2020, and is ready to go further if developing countries also make ambitious cuts.

Copenhagen in December result in a global pact to replace the Kyoto protocol with tough pledges to cut greenhouses gases.

"Together, we must confront climate change by ending the world's dependence on fossil fuels, by tapping the power of new sources of energy like the wind and sun, and calling upon all nations to do their part," Obama said.

"I pledge to you that in this global effort, the United States is now ready to lead," he said to cheers from a crowd of tens of thousands gathered outside Prague Castle.

**REUTERS**

## Peaceful vote in Macedonia

**ELECTION** Macedonians voted peacefully yesterday, with only minor irregularities, in a presidential election they hope will show they have matured enough to join the European Union and NATO.

The international community has warned the Balkan nation that a failure to conduct elections up to international standards will seriously harm its chance of membership.

"Overall the process

seems to be working normally," said Erwan Fouere, the EU ambassador in the country.

Macedonia declared independence in 1992 and avoided the bloodshed of the 1990s when Bosnians, Serbs and Croats fought elsewhere. It narrowly avoided war between ethnic Albanians and Macedonians in 2001 but violence led to one death and injuries in last year's parliamentary voting. **REUTERS**

## Prague Protest over missile shield



Demonstrators shout slogans during a protest rally in Prague yesterday against a plan to build a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic. Delivering a speech given new urgency by North Korea's rocket launch hours earlier, U.S. President Barack Obama said the United States would go ahead with plans to build a missile defence shield in Europe as long as Iran posed a threat with its nuclear program.

## Somali pirates seize German ship

**SHIPPING** Somali pirates have seized a 20,000-tonne German container vessel in their latest attack on the Indian Ocean's busy commercial shipping lanes, a regional maritime group said yesterday.

Heavily armed gangs from the lawless Horn of Africa nation hijacked dozens of vessels there and in the strategic Gulf of Aden last year, taking hundreds of sailors hostage and making off with millions of dollars in ransoms.

Foreign navies rushed warships to the area in response, reducing the number of successful attacks in recent months. But there are still near-daily attempts.

Andrew Mwangura of the Mombasa-based East African Seafarers' Assistance Program said the lat-

## Previous incidents

- In January, Somali gunmen freed the Sirius Star — a Saudi supertanker loaded with \$100 million worth of crude oil — and its 25 crew after \$3 million US was parachuted onto its deck.
- Last September, they also grabbed world headlines by seizing a Ukrainian cargo ship carrying 33 Soviet-era T-72 tanks. It was released in February, reportedly for a \$3.2 million US ransom.

est hijacking happened on Saturday 740 kilometres off the southern Somali port of Kismayu, between the Seychelles and Kenya.

"We believe the German ship has 24 crew on board. We're trying to establish their identities and the name of the vessel," Mwangura told Reuters.

The German Foreign Ministry said it was seeking "concrete evidence" that a German-flagged vessel had been captured.

"The Federal Government is dealing with the case, and all the appropriate public authorities are participating intensively," a spokeswoman said.

Somali pirates seized two European-owned tankers late last month. Last week, the Seychelles military deployed security forces on its outer islands after the pirates hijacked a second vessel flying the Indian Ocean nation's flag.

**REUTERS**

## U.S. warns of Nigeria attack

**ATTACKS** The U.S. embassy in Nigeria warned yesterday of a possible attack against diplomatic missions in Lagos, the commercial capital of Africa's biggest oil producer.

In a message to U.S. citizens living in Nigeria, the embassy said it had received reports of a possible strike against missions located close to the U.S. Consulate General in Lagos, situated in the exclusive Victoria Island neighbourhood.

"U.S. Mission Nigeria has received reports about a possible attacks against diplomatic missions in Lagos located on Walter Carrington Crescent," the message said.

It said the Nigerian police had increased their vigilance in the neighbourhood and called on U.S. citizens to report any suspicious activity.

Nigeria, the world's eighth biggest exporter of crude oil which supplies the United States and China, has never been the victim of a major terrorist attack.

But militants in the southern Niger Delta, the heartland of its oil industry, have carried out regular strikes against installations belonging to oil giants including U.S. firms.

The U.S. embassy message gave no details of the nature of the reports it had received.

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Reflection on life and car

HineSight

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My partner, Liz, and I are about to enter into one of the riskiest, most unnerving ventures any adult can face. Not marriage, that was a piece of cake. What we plan to do is "... I'm hesitant to share this, because I know some readers will have very strong reactions and I'll get a raft of emails asking, "Are you insane?" Again. Well, call

me crazy, but we're going to ... buy a used car.

I know, I know. Buying a used car is like hitting on a complete stranger. You don't know what you might be picking up.

But after weighing the options, Liz and I decided buying a used car is the way to go. We just can't manage the alternative. Which would be "walking."

We're buying a pre-owned Smart car. Liz and I can both take public transit to work, so we figure we really only need half a car.

A Smart car seems like the answer.

Our friends have concerns about Smart cars. "What if you're barreling down the highway and get hit head on by an 18-wheeler?" My answer, "At that point, I don't think what car I'm driving will be an issue."

Another complained, "With a car like that you're totally trading practicality for trendiness." This from a woman wearing suede boots.

Someone else warned, "You won't be able to drive a whole pack of kids around." Darn.

As with most large purchases, I'm convinced the key to buying a used car is research. Try to do as little as possible. Just as reading the Internet

always convinces me the tickle in my throat is anything from Cholera to a resurgence of the Black Death, reading research on used cars left me feeling I have a better chance of surviving complete disaster by going tap dancing in a mine field. The used car sites say things like, "If you take time to have the vehicle thoroughly checked, top to bottom, by a licensed mechanic, you'll have nothing to worry about. Except, of course, for the problems that can't be detected."

In the end, I'd say buying a used car is like any other risk. There are perils. Possibly hidden surprises. Definitely no guarantees. But there's a term for this kind of situation. Life.

So, Liz and I will buy a used car. And take our shiny new hopes out for a spin.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



## Worth mentioning

### One Antarctic ice shelf has disappeared, scientists say

**ENVIRONMENT** One Antarctic ice shelf has quickly vanished, another is disappearing and glaciers are melting faster than anyone thought due to climate change, U.S. and British government researchers reported Friday.

They said the Wordie Ice Shelf, which had been disappearing since the 1960s, is gone and the northern part of the Larsen Ice Shelf no longer exists.

More than 8,300 square kilometres have broken off from the Larsen shelf since 1986. Climate change is to blame, according to the report from the U.S. Geological Survey and the British Antarctic Survey.

"The rapid retreat of glaciers there demonstrates once again the profound effects our planet is already experiencing — more rapidly than previously known — as a consequence of climate change," U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said.

"This continued and often significant glacier retreat is a wakeup call that change is happening ... and we need to be prepared," USGS glaciologist Jane Ferrigno, who led the Antarctica study.

"Antarctica is of special interest because it holds an estimated 91 per cent of the Earth's glacier volume, and change anywhere in the ice sheet poses significant hazards to society," she said.

In another report published in the journal *Geophysical Letters*, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports ice is melting more rapidly than expected in the Arctic as well, based on new computer analyses and recent ice measurements.



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## Views

### Put your fear aside and take a risk

UrbanScrawl

Christina Biluk

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If you were young again, just starting out in life, would you change your actions? Would you do things differently?

I've heard people say they'd change their career, finish school, reconsider having/not having children, live some place new, save money, travel more and so on. The list is endless, however, commonalities run through it; people would take a risk they haven't taken already.

Is there something you want to do, but haven't

started yet? Every day is a new beginning, bringing with it a world of possibilities. It's time to put your fears aside, and focus on doing that thing you've always wanted to, the thing you wish you would have done earlier in life.

What about as a city, is there a risk we should have taken long ago that we can take now. Are we holding ourselves back because we think it's too late to make a change? For instance, the upcoming vote by council on HRMbyDesign.

HRMbyDesign is a study of HRM that establishes a clear and compelling vision for development over the next 25 years. The plan takes into

account the present and future needs of Haligonians, providing guidelines everyone from developers to councillors can use as a blueprint to grow.

If we approve this direction, and take this risk, the amount of effort spent in development legal appeals could be redirected into making Halifax an increasingly dynamic city. One that provides people opportunities to live near where they work, reduce traffic congestion, and yet continues to preserve and protect heritage and conservation districts.

This is a great opportunity for HRM to put aside its

fears and concerns of change, and take a risk to do something differently.

The hardest part in moving forward with something new is to find your focus. To be able to block out the naysayers and the obstacles that get in your way.

Just like anything in life, our intentions and goals are largely mind over matter, its focusing energy on what we want most. If there is a will, there is a way.

Spring makes us think about new beginnings, so use this as the springboard for taking your own risk. Make 2009 your year to start something you've always only wished you could have done earlier.

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**Green option for spring cleaning**

With spring here, it's time to clean your winter-soiled windows. Try doing the chore in a greener way with a cup of white vinegar, a cup of water and, as an option, a half-teaspoon of dish soap. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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# Going Green

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## Rona's eco-friendly line

Rona has introduced 40 new products to its Rona Eco line. These products are more eco-friendly than similar conventional products over their entire life cycle. The new Rona Eco items include — among others — a manual lawn mower, an algae-based fertilizer, a rainwater collector, reconditioned tool blades, and mouldings.

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## Your new green home

Well-planned house costs less and value may increase

**If you have plans to build a new house soon, this is the time to start things off right.**

An environmentally thoughtful, high-performance home is one that incorporates a green combination of technology, construction, design and maintenance elements — all of which will provide a healthier indoor life for its residents, and will significantly lower its impact on the planet's environment.

Indeed, a well-planned green home costs less to operate immediately and its value increases steadily over time. A green home is constructed with concrete, not wood, has energy-efficient lighting, heating, cooling and water-heating systems.

Here's a handy checklist as you begin:

**The site:** Build where you can beautify or replace unsightly properties like a factory, a parking lot, rail yard or shopping mall. Don't build on environmentally sensitive sites like wetlands, forests or farmland.

**Location:** Build with walking or cycling in mind,

### Demand expected to double

• Canadians continue to ask for high-performance, sustainable components in their newly built homes. Within the next three years, builders are predicting demand for green components will double. This

represents a 12 to 20 per cent market share, and an industry worth \$40 billion to \$70 billion. Concrete walls, for example, are replacing the old wood frame method with countless benefits.

near public transportation, schools and shops.

**Materials:** Start with concrete. An award-winning system by the all-Canadian company Nudura builds walls with pre-assembled, Lego-like blocks of concrete. This cuts construction time significantly, creates less waste material, and virtually eliminates mould, mildew and other emissions produced by buildings structured with wood. Homeowners save money with durability and energy efficiency — and the resulting structure ([www.nudura.com](http://www.nudura.com)) is reported to be up to nine times stronger, with far more fire protection, far more sound insulation, and with a potential to reduce energy costs of up to 70 per cent. Other green materials

should include low- and zero-VOC (volatile organic compound) paints and sealants. Any wood-based features should come from rapidly renewable sources, like bamboo. The best green homes use salvaged materials like kitchen tiles with significant recycled content. Ask for a roof that is light-coloured and heat-reflecting.

**Design:** Think about the site's natural attributes and shape your new home accordingly. Reduce lighting and energy requirements by taking advantage of natural breezes and daylight, perhaps with skylights or with larger windows on certain walls. Aim for natural daylight to reach at least 75 per cent of the home's interior. Outside, design your

landscape with lots of large canopy trees and flowering plants to attract the reproduction activity of birds and bees.

**Windows and doors:** Dual-glaze windows reduce heat gain in summer and heat loss during the winter.

The best quality is government rated.

**Renewable energy:** Ask for the latest technology to generate some of your own household energy.

**Water efficiency:** Design with a water-conserving irrigation system. Collect and store rainwater. Add the latest in water-efficient fixtures.

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Ticketmaster has been subpoenaed or received other requests for information about its relationship with its reseller TicketsNow from the U.S. Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission and the New Jersey Attorney General's office, the company said in an email obtained by an industry blog. **REUTERS**

# Business



## Canwest faces another deadline

Canwest Global Communications Corp. is heading toward another deadline tomorrow to restructure a debt agreement with its bankers, but time could be running out for the broadcaster and newspaper publisher as it tries to solve its financial woes, having already been given an extension by lenders. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Air Canada CEO has work cut out for him

Newly appointed chief faces high costs as customer demand for travel keeps falling

**Air Canada's new CEO, lawyer-come-investment banker Calin Rovinescu, is expected to focus on slashing costs in the midst of the current recession, but his task won't be easy.**

While he played a key role during Air Canada's reorganization under bankruptcy protection in 2003 and 2004, he is taking the controls at a time when demand for air travel is falling and Air Canada's cash obligations are

on the rise because of debt repayments, bad bets on fuel hedges and significantly heightened pension obligations.

Air Canada posted a loss of more than \$1 billion last year.

"Calin coming in is the board saying we need dramatic change because we're losing way too much money," said Karl Moore, a business professor at McGill University.

But the challenge this

**"Calin (Rovinescu) coming in is the board saying we need dramatic change because we're losing way too much money."**

Prof. Karl Moore, McGill University

time around is that there are few obvious places to make deep cuts. As well, most of the airline's side businesses, including Aeroplan and regional carrier Jazz, have already been spun off.

A key issue to be ad-

dressed is the airline's ballooning pension obligations, which would require changes to federal funding rules. Air Canada now estimates deficits in its various employee pension plans totalling \$3.2 billion. Ben Cherniavsky, an analyst at

Raymond James, estimated in a recent report that Air Canada will need approximately \$475 million over the next year just to fund the deficit.

Another federal policy change that could bolster Air Canada's prospects would be raising the limit on foreign investments in Canadian airlines to 49 per cent from 25 per cent currently — something Transport Minister John Baird has committed to achiev-

ing alongside a new "Open Skies" pact signed with the European Union.

That could open the door to a strategic investment from the likes of Germany's Lufthansa AG.

On the operations side, some analysts are expecting an overhaul of Air Canada's network to remove unprofitable flying and increase the focus on the most lucrative domestic and international routes. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

**Lobster Carnival on TV:** The Food Network's Glutton for Punishment will highlight the Pictou Lobster Carnival on the episode airing April 13 at 9:30 p.m. The Lobster Carnival committee will present the show at the Pictou Fire Hall.

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## India Sports car showcase



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## Consumer staples past their prime?

**INVESTING** Canadian consumer staple stocks have been a good bet in bad times, with the steady profits of grocers and drugstores offering comfort to investors, but savvy shareholders may soon start turning to more cyclical plays.

Beaten-up retailers, particularly in the home improvement sector, are tipped to outperform as the economy begins to recover from the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.

The key, analysts said, is keeping a close eye on forward-looking economic indicators, especially those tied to employment and confidence, that will herald a revival of consumer discretionary plays.

Brian Yarbrough, a retail analyst at Edward Jones, said "less worse news" on the economy would be good news for consumer discretionary heavyweights like Rona Inc. and Canadian Tire Corp., which he said would benefit "first and the most" from a recovery. **REUTERS**

## Estimated U.S. taxpayer cost for bailout increases to \$356B

**ECONOMY** U.S. congressional budget analysts have raised their estimate of the net cost to taxpayers for the government's financial rescue program to \$356 billion US, an increase of

\$167 billion from earlier estimates.

The Congressional Budget Office had originally projected the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program would cost taxpayers

\$189 billion.

The additional cost, which applies to TARP spending for fiscal years 2009 and 2010, was included in the CBO's March projection of a \$1.8-trillion

deficit for fiscal 2009.

The TARP cost projection was raised due to changes in financial market conditions, new transactions and a shift in expected timing of payments. **REUTERS**



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## Correction

East Preston's Justine Colley has not yet made Canada's roster for this summer's FIBA world under-19 women's basketball championship in Bangkok. Incorrect information appeared in the April 2 edition of Metro Halifax. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Sports

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## Detroit revels in Spartans' success

**NCAA** Detroit put aside its dread over a crippled auto industry on Saturday, savouring a day in the sun and the national spotlight as the NCAA basketball tournament delivered a moment of relief for the Motor City. Michigan State upset top-ranked Connecticut 82-73, setting the stage for a showdown with North Carolina tonight for the U.S. college basketball championship (9 p.m., The Score). A raucous Final Four record crowd of 72,456 filled every corner of Ford Field, but not before spending a sunny spring day soaking up some of the party atmosphere. But the emotional lift from the Spartans may have the biggest impact on beaten-down Detroit. "We are the blue-collar team and this is a blue-collar city," said Spartans coach Tom Izzo. "We're not done yet." **REUTERS**

## Canada goes to 3-0 at worlds

**CURLING** Kevin Martin's rink crushed two opponents to earn a share of first place along at the Ford world men's curling championship yesterday in Moncton. Martin dismantled Thomas Dufour of France 7-2 in the afternoon draw and then dropped Fengchun Wang of China 9-4 in the evening to run his record to 3-0. Martin broke open his showdown with Wang with three points in the third end and another three in the fifth end. Canada is tied with Thomas Ulsrud of Norway, who beat the Czech Republic in yesterday's afternoon draw. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Sports in brief

**NBA** Jason Kidd had a milestone game, scoring 19 points and dishing a season-high 20 assists as the Mavericks crushed the Phoenix Suns 140-116 yesterday in Dallas. Kidd passed Magic Johnson for third place on the all-time NBA assists list, giving him 10,142 for his career.

**RUNNING** Capt. Mehmet Danis, a Canadian Forces dentist, won the Atacama Crossing race this weekend in Chile, beating out former Olympians from 25 countries. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Sid fights in Pens loss

### NHL RECAP

#### Panthers 4, Penguins 2

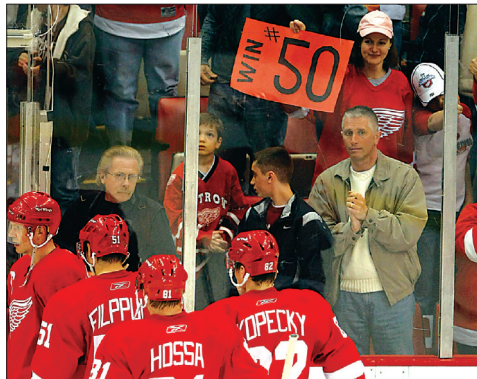
**Sidney Crosby's fight in the first period — against Keith Ballard after the defenceman's big hit on Evgeni Malkin — may have been the spark the Panthers needed to beat Pittsburgh 4-2 last night.**

Bryan McCabe and Rostislav Olesz each had a goal and an assist to lead the Panthers to the two-goal victory, handing the Penguins only their second regulation loss in 18 games.

Ballard said he expected a fight after the hit, though he thought it was clean. Crosby received a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and a major for fighting.

It was his second fight with a Florida player this season; he got into a scrap with Brett McLean during a Jan. 3 game against the Panthers.

Florida, vying for its first playoff berth in nine years, has 89 points with three games remaining. The New York Rangers currently hold the edge for the eighth and final playoff



Detroit fans celebrate the Red Wings' victory over the Minnesota Wild yesterday. The win earned the Wings their 50th win, making this the fourth straight season Detroit has won 50 or more games.

spot in the Eastern Conference over Florida because they have one more victory.

#### RED WINGS 3, WILD 2

Marian Hossa scored in the final minute of the third period to lift the Detroit Red Wings to a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota Wild at Joe Louis Arena.

Hossa also picked up an assist for the Red Wings, who halted a three-game losing streak and earned their 50th victory of the season. Detroit reached the

50-win mark for the fourth straight campaign.

Jiri Hudler and Pavel Datyuk also scored in the victory, while Chris Osgood made 21 saves. Tomas Holmstrom finished with a pair of assists for the Wings, who put a serious dent into Minnesota's playoff hopes.

The Wild trail St. Louis and Nashville by three points in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

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## Patrick upset after crash

Danica Patrick's IndyCar season got off to a tough start after she crashed out early in the season-opening Honda Grand Prix yesterday in Florida. She was running ninth in the 22-car field yesterday when Raphael Matos tried to pass as the two went into a tight turns on the temporary street course. As the uninjured drivers walked away, Patrick patted Matos on the helmet as if to say, "Use your head." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Halladay brushes aside rumour mill

**MLB** The Toronto Blue Jays begin their 33rd season tonight at the Rogers Centre, with starting ace Roy Halladay making his seventh straight opening day start.

Despite the fact the Jays head into this season with the smallest amount of fan optimism since he arrived, Halladay is not ready to ask for a trade should the team get off to a slow first-half.

"I'm still under contract for two years and unless you force something, create a big stir, it's not even an option for me," Halladay said. "I feel like I'm still happy here. I feel like I have a



Halladay

chance to win here and that would be my ultimate goal, to win a World Series here, more than anywhere else."

The 32-year-old right-hander believes that this pitching staff will be better once the youngsters get their feet on the ground.

"I don't think there's a question of what kind of talent we have, but there's a question of consistency," Halladay said.

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## MLB Play ball



The defending world champion Phillies are greeted by fans on the field prior to Major League Baseball's season opener between Philadelphia and the Atlanta Braves last night. The Braves ruined the festivities, however, winning 4-1.

## Raptors eliminated from playoff chase

### NBA RESULT

#### Knicks 112, Raptors 103

**David Lee earned his NBA-leading 61st double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds as the New York Knicks halted a nine-game skid in Toronto with a 112-103 victory over the Raptors at the Air Canada Centre in the back end of a home-and-home set.**

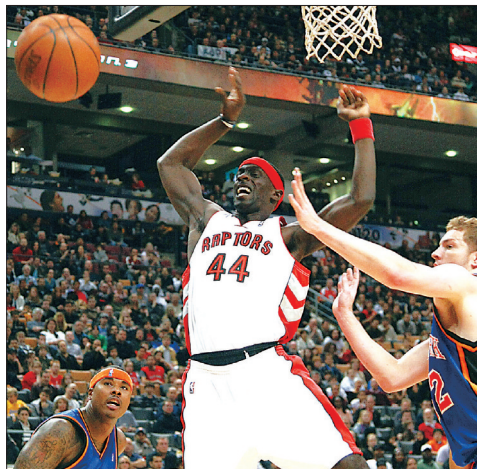
The last time New York notched a win in Toronto was on March 5, 2004.

Al Harrington tallied his ninth double-double with 12 points and 10 boards for the Knicks.

Wilson Chandler and Quentin Richardson scored 17 and 16, respectively.

Nate Robinson ended with 13 points and seven assists.

Chris Bosh got his 39th double-double with 31



The Raptors' Pops Mensah-Bonsu has the ball knocked away by the Knicks' David Lee last night in Toronto.

points and 14 boards for the Raptors, who were eliminated from playoff contention as a result of the loss.

Shawn Marion scored

13 and Jose Calderon 12 with six helpers for Toronto, which saw its season-high six-game winning streak halted.

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In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be setting its sights on all the jobs that involve our furry friends. So be sure to read Workology and metronews.ca/work for our pet industry feature series every Monday.

# Workology



## Just a Buck, Change Their Luck

PetSmart Charities of Canada is kicking off its spring campaign, Just a Buck, Change Their Luck, to help homeless pets by fundraising for local animal welfare agencies. From May 6-26, 100 per cent of the sales of assorted items featuring the design to the left — by Toronto-based Ron Berg — will go to PetSmart Charities. See [Petsmartcharities.ca](http://Petsmartcharities.ca) for more. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Eye for the blind, heart of gold

## Paws and Claws

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**When human eyes can't see, it's up to man's best friend to lead the way.**

A gorgeous and furry Bernese mountain dog, Maestro is a trained guide dog who bears a heavier burden than most regular dogs — he's responsible for the day-to-day safety of his owner.

Public servant Lawrence Euteneier, 45, is Maestro's blind owner and says Maestro isn't just a

guide dog, he's a shoulder to lean on and by all definitions a true best friend.

"He's a great dog and an even better friend. When I get nervous he has to be calm for me. He counters my nervous energy with his strength," Euteneier said.

Among his many talents, Maestro can find a hotel room by sense of smell alone after he's visited it once and can pick up emotional signals too subtle for most humans to notice.

"He knows I'm feeling a certain way before I know I feel that way. I'll know I'm stressed out by his reaction to me," Euteneier said.



**"He's a great dog and an even better friend. When I get nervous he has to be calm for me. He counters my nervous energy with his strength."**

Lawrence Euteneier on Maestro (pictured)

Dogs like Maestro have enabled Euteneier to live a life as full of excitement and adventure as any regularly sighted person, including numerous travels around the world and a career in public service spent breaking down barriers for people with disabilities.

Maestro makes Euteneier's active life possible by letting him walk the streets and navigate indoor spaces easily and safely.

It's all in the training and the harness, which Maestro uses to signal when Euteneier should stop, step back or go forward. If needed, he'll use his own body weight to push Euteneier out of the way of impending hazards like moving cars or cyclists. He'll also stretch

his neck out to signal when Euteneier needs to grab something like a door handle or a handrail.

Maestro has to judge situations and

react to them even more quickly than a human being does so that he can signal Euteneier in time. It's a huge responsibility for anyone, especially a dog, to bear and this is what makes Maestro so special.

The MIRA Foundation, located near Montreal, trains dogs like Maestro free of charge for disabled individuals who need them. The organization's founder and CEO Eric St-Pierre says training Maestro took about 20 months and the bubbly Bernese was one of only 67 dogs in his year out of 300 puppies that had the skill and personality to become a guide dog for the blind. Training is challenging and time-consuming and in the end, only dogs as smart, friendly and perceptive as Maestro can make the cut.

For Euteneier, Maestro is much more than just another pet.

"I take care of him and he takes care of me," he said.

For more of the Paws and Claws exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)



Guide dog Maestro helps his owner and best friend Lawrence Euteneier, a public service worker, down a flight of stairs.



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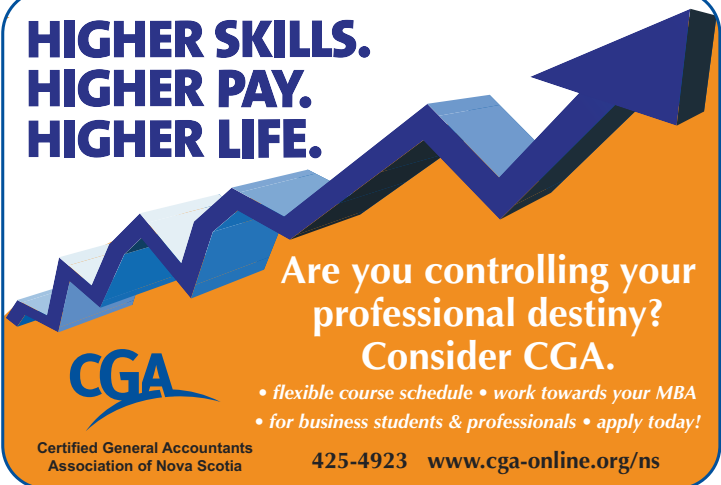
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# Comedic career swing

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**Diane Peters**

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It was a cartoon in a transit paper — not this one — years ago. A mummy was talking to the ticket-taker at the Toronto subway's Museum station, the one near the Royal Ontario Museum.

"One senior, please," the caption said.

That's one of Martin Baker's one-liners. He's been mostly making a living off this humour, which leans towards puns, for the last 20 years.

As a child, he loved making jokes and playing with words. It didn't seem relevant for a career. He eventually found work in libraries. But two decades ago Baker thought it was time to figure out what he really wanted to do. He picked up the book *Wishcraft* by Barbara Sher. It helped him better



Martin Baker is a joke writer with about 3,000 jokes in his cache.

analyze what he was really passionate about.

And that was humour. Baker started writing jokes in his spare time, and started selling his work. He read some books on comedy, did stand-up and had a successful TheatreSports team, *Stairway to 7-Eleven*.

He was able to eventually quit his library job, but has taken up work on and off over the years to supplement the writing.

Mostly, Baker, now 48, helps out syndicated cartoonists when they're overly busy or need ideas. He gets connected through the syndicate service, by digging up their email addresses or through contacts. He once wrote for a cartoon five days a week. Now, the

work varies from once a week to occasionally.

Contributing mainly to one-panel cartoons, not those with regular characters, he morphs his style to suit the comic. "If you're adaptable, it's easier to get hired."

He's also written slogans for corporate and non-profit clients (one environmental group: "Things are looking up for solar power"), and has written clever lines for newspaper and magazines too.

On the average day, Baker spends the morning emailing and calling potential writing contacts and updating his blog. A few afternoons a week he goes out and volunteers.

In the evening, he pulls out a notebook, dictionary and thesaurus and

writes. He likes to play off everyday phrases and clichés. He has about 3,000 jokes and ideas in his collection of notebooks.

He's always trying to find new clients to write for (he'd love to break into greeting cards, but that's tough). And he'd love to find a system for transferring all his material onto computer so it's easier to find.

As for actually drawing some of those cartoons he helps out with? No way, he's a writer.

"If I could draw I'd probably be a millionaire by now."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

## Staff retention trumps hiring in job market

**EMPLOYMENT** Following many jobs losses in today's economy, employers are holding off on staff expansions and focusing efforts on keeping current headcount as they navigate through a tough economy.

This is according to the latest quarterly survey from CareerBuilder and USA Today. Those surveyed include 2,500 hiring managers and human resource professionals and over 4,400 workers.

"We'll be looking for the market to stabilize over the next three to six months, when you'll hopefully see (less) job losses," said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder.com. "Employers want to hold on to their talent and are taking measures to contain costs and bring in new revenue streams."

### Some upcoming trends to expect:

- **Trimming Perks and Benefits:** Companies are taking interim measures to free up funds to weather the economic storm.

**Layoffs**

- Twenty-two per cent of hiring managers reported there were layoffs at their locations in the first quarter of 2009, up from 11 per cent this time last year.

Forty-two per cent of employers reported they experienced a cut in perks and benefits at their organizations in the first quarter of 2009.

- **Upgrading Talent Rosters:** Twenty-three per cent of employers said they are taking this time, when hiring has slowed, to replace lower-performing employees with top talent that may not have been available in a healthier economy.

- **Transferring Skills:** Seventy-one per cent of workers who were laid off and have not found work said they are looking for jobs outside of their chosen profession.

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**The Lowdown**

**Job title:** Joke writer  
**Salary:** Sometimes enough to get by.  
**Education/training:** Doing stand up and reading books on comedy. "I learned through the school of hard yuks."  
**Best Part of the Job:** "Expressing a part of who I am. Humour is essential to my well-being and to my sense of having fun."  
**Worst Part of the Job:** "The isolation. That's why I get out and do volunteer work."

## Workers tune out stress with music

**For optometrist Howard Levy, nothing eases the tension of daily eye exams and mounting paperwork like strapping on a guitar and jamming with fellow eye-care professionals in a rock band dubbed OffAxis.**

Levy, 56, who lives and works in California, said the recession has only escalated the headaches of his job — last-minute patient cancellations, bounced checks and insurance aggravation.

"But the music is totally a stress buster," he said. "It's the passion of our souls to play music, create music, bond with all these people and take our mind off our daily routines."

He is among a growing number of individuals in the work force, many stressed out by tough economic times, who are indulging their inner musician by dusting off old guitars, drums and other instruments to pursue after-hours lessons and garage-band gigs.

Steven Cox, CEO of TakeLessons.com, a music-instruction business with a network of private music teachers in 400 cities nationwide, said 2008 was a banner year in revenue, numbers of students and lessons booked.

Business continued to climb in January and February, marking the five-

year-old company's two best months to date, all despite a slumping economy.

Or, perhaps, because of it.

"I think the economy has something to do with that," Cox said of the trend, adding that the downturn has coincided with a higher proportion of adults, many of them white-collar professionals, showing up among his clientele.

**Noteworthy Trend**

Cox cited the case of a 54-year-old investment banker in New York who recently signed up for lessons on the clarinet, an instrument she studied as a child.

"And she said, 'You know what? I work a lot. I have a very few number of free hours, and I just want to do something that's stimulating my brain while I can relax,'" he said.

Cox declined to give specific numbers for his business, citing proprietary issues. The company is privately held.

But Joe Lamond, head of the National Association of Music Merchants, said his member retail shops have seen a surge in music lessons and recreational musicianship among middle-aged customers that predates the recession but has been heightened by it.

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Hit vampire movie *Twilight* has topped yet another chart — it is now the biggest home release of the year in the U.S. The film sold 5.6 million DVDs and Blu-Ray discs in its first week on sale, beating *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa* as the most popular release of 2009. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

# Entertainment

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## Weekend box office

- 1 **Fast & Furious:**  
\$72.5 million US
- 2 **Monsters vs. Aliens:**  
\$33.5 million
- 3 **The Haunting in Connecticut:** \$9.6 million
- 4 **Knowing:**  
\$8.1 million
- 5 **I Love You, Man:**  
\$7.9 million
- 6 **Adventureland:**  
\$6 million
- 7 **Duplicity:**  
\$4.3 million
- 8 **Race to Witch Mountain:**  
\$3.4 million
- 9 **12 Rounds:**  
\$2.3 million
- 10 **Sunshine Cleaning:**  
\$1.9 million

REUTERS

## In brief

**MOVIES** Passchendaele was the big winner at the Genie Awards in Ottawa on Saturday. The film won six awards, including best picture. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Remedy for me

New show explores alternative treatments

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**Glycolic peels, light therapies, antibiotics — Roseanna Meas tried it all.**

The 24-year-old aspiring actress from Etobicoke, Ont., has struggled with acne since adolescence and not one doctor has been able to cure the ailment that's followed her into adulthood.

"A lot of the treatments I had used were very abrasive — a lot of chemicals," said Meas.

Frustrated by traditional medicine's inability to clear her condition, Meas went in search of a natural remedy to mend her complexion.

That's when she stumbled upon an online advertisement recruiting subjects for the new W Network television show *Remedy Me!*

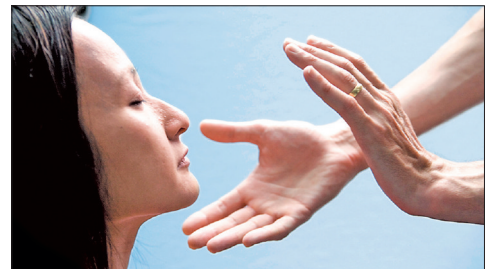
The program — it begins airing tomorrow night — looks at one affliction per episode and follows two sufferers of it as they explore different alternative treatments. From restless leg to irritable bowel syndromes, *Remedy Me!* uses solutions like hypnosis, reiki and traditional Chinese medicines to mar malady.

Meas didn't experience anything too bizarre, undergoing regular acupuncture and drinking herbal concoctions. But show cre-

ator Janice Evans of Creative Atlantic Communications said some of the televised treatments — even acupuncture — are pretty dramatic to watch.

"There was an acupuncturist that puts all the needles in, and then attaches little electrical wires to each one. Then she turns on a little kind of electrical jolt that goes through each of the needles that gets the chi moving," she said. "The woman looked like she was hooked up for Frankenstein."

But it's not the spectacle that encouraged Evans to develop the show. She said she was inspired by her long-time interest in alternative health, and the



*Remedy Me!* airs Tuesday nights on the W Network.

## Star Trek cameo

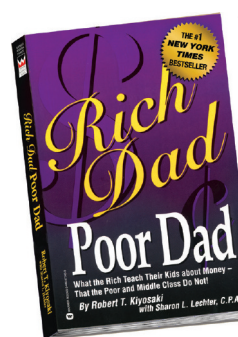
Hollywood bosses are hoping William Shatner will make a cameo appearance in a future *Star Trek* movie. The new film is being released on May 8 and a follow-up is already in the works. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

## Made for TV

Other ailments exposed on *Remedy Me* include gas, snoring, overactive bladders, headaches, hair loss, and excessive sweating.

medical issues on TV, but for her, desperation trumped anxiety. "I can feel for other people who have suffered with acne, so I figured I might as well just let myself be the guinea pig."

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## High stepping

Jessica Simpson was born wearing high heels. The singer-and-actress loves showing off her legs and refuses to sport flat shoes — even when she is at home. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



# Freya's family secrets



## BookPicks

## The Tricking of Freya

**Author:** Christina Sunley  
**Publisher:** St. Martin's Press  
**Price:** \$28.95 (Hardcover)

Iceland plays itself in The Tricking of Freya, a coming-of-age story chronicling the family history and Scandinavian heritage of the novel's title character. Young Freya first meets her widowed mother's family in Gimli, Man. at age seven. Her trek from New York brings her close to her fierce Aunt Birdie, who insists she be schooled in Icelandic past, mythology and language. But Birdie's burying tension between her and Freya's mom; the reason Freya's never met her family until now. Sunley builds a travelogue to uncover Freya's family secret.



## Blood Safari

**Author:** Deon Meyer  
**Publisher:** Random House  
**Price:** \$32.95 (Hardcover)

When Cape Town brand consultant Emma le Roux is watching television one day, she sees a murder suspect that bears resemblance to her brother she thought dead 20 years ago. Convinced to find him, she enlists the help of Lemmer, a bodyguard with security company Body Armor. But Lemmer's an "Invisible" — a guard unlike the intimidating bodies known as "Gorillas" — with a short fuse and prone to violence. When the pair is attacked, Lemmer lets himself loose, set on finding their attackers. One wrong move will mean death for the pair, but if successful, Lemmer stands to break his "Invisible" tie and expose a globally threatening faction.



## The Book of Night Women

**Author:** Marlon James  
**Publisher:** Penguin Canada  
**Price:** \$29.50 (Hardcover)

The Night Women, sick of slavery, are planning a revolt against the slave masters on their 18th century Jamaican sugar plantation. The green-eyed group bands together, meeting regularly to plot the overthrow of their owners. That's until Lilith is born, a girl the women believe has a mysterious power. As she ages, Lilith is taught to read and to understand the importance of a rebellion. But when she falls in love with Irish overseer Quinn, Lilith realizes what dire consequences a mutiny will cause for the plantation while trying to reconcile her urges with her upbringing.

BRIAN COULTON/FOR METRO CANADA

# Eyeing Cannes contenders

**FILM FEST** As spring dawns, so does one of the film world's biggest questions, namely — what's in the Cannes?

The official announcement from Cannes film festival head Thierry Fremaux and his team of programmers regarding what's in store for the annual cinephile gathering won't take place for three weeks. But filmmakers, executives and sales agents are already buzzing about what will unspool at the event in May.

The consensus is a slate that mixes auteur fare and star-driven movies, though one that's a little light on high-profile U.S. films.

The most prominent motion picture, at least from a star-power standpoint, won't even have its main player there, as Terry Gilliam's The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus, the last film from Heath Ledger, is expected to make its debut.

In addition to Gilliam's first appearance on the Croisette in more than a decade, a Parnassus debut also would offer the prospect of several stars —



Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell and Jude Law all stepped in to play different parts of Heath Ledger's role in The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus after the actor died last year.

## Expected

- On the U.S. side, Francis Ford Coppola's Tetro, which the director plans on self-distributing, is a strong bet to land at Cannes. The movie starring an international ensemble cast, tells the story of rivalry between artists in an Italian family.
- Quentin Tarantino's Inglorious Basterds, the Brad Pitt movie about a rogue group of American soldiers fighting Nazis in World War II, has been pegged as a Cannes title for several months and is expected to be at the festival.

including Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell and Jude Law — who all stepped in to play different parts of Ledger's role after the actor died last year.

Aside from Pixar's Up, the animated film that will open Cannes, the festival

has yet to confirm entrants. Still, many films are seen as probable candidates. Ang Lee's Taking Woodstock is seen as a strong candidate, assuming the director can finish it in time.

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	54	54	54	GOLF Central	Top 10	Golf Central	The Golf Fix	Haney Project	Haney Project			Lessons
	52	52	52	RSE Jays Connected (HDTV) (Live)	World Sport	NHL Hockey	Ottawa Senators at Montreal Canadiens. (Live)			College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Final		SportsNet Con.
	55	55	55	SCOR Hockey Talk	Game On	RaceNight				SuperCars		Auctions
sports	45	45	45	SPD Unique Whips		Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)		SuperCars		Auctions
	53	53	53	TSN SportsCentre	Curling 2009 Ford World Men's Championship -- Canada vs. Germany. (Live)					SportsCentre		
	43	43	43	FAM Zoey 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School
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	38	38	38	DISC Canada's Worst Handyman	Day Planet (N)	House Hunters	Property Virgin	For Rent	Income Prop.	Property Virgin	My First Place	Detonator
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	28	28	28	VIVA Mysterious Ways	Style by Jury	Style by Jury		How Clean	Kim	Love It or List It (N)		Dollars-Sense
	22	22	22	WGN Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (HDTV)		One Tree Hill (HDTV)		WGN News

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**CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival**  
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Farrah Fawcett has been hospitalized in Los Angeles since Thursday, the latest setback in her long battle with cancer, people.com is reporting. The 62-year-old actress has undergone chemotherapy and aggressive alternative treatments in the past. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Fawcett is hospitalized**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Brady & Bündchen wed, again

**MARRIAGE** Tom Brady and Gisele Bündchen exchanged vows in a short sunset ceremony at her home in Costa Rica early Saturday evening, people.com reports.

The bride, in a long designer dress and a veil that trailed 10 feet, and holding a bouquet of white orchids, "looked so gorgeous," a source tells People. "She looked beautiful."

Security guards blocked off key access points to Bündchen's house in Santa Teresa, where 25 or so guests gathered under a tent set up on the home's balcony.

After the ceremony, Brady, 31, in a gray suit and vest with white pants, held his son John on the balcony and spoke with guests like Robert Kraft,

owner of the New England Patriots. Bündchen, 28, also hugged guests while friends and relatives snapped photos.

They all seemed "very happy, like they were having a great time," says one onlooker.

Earlier that day, Brady hosted a bachelor's brunch for the men in his entourage at the luxurious Milarepa hotel, where guests dined from a menu designed especially by the American chef. Meanwhile Bündchen entertained female guests and went over last-minute wedding details at her home.

The separate his-and-her gatherings were the final lead up to three days of pre-wedding celebrations before the couple's second set of nuptials. They officially wed in an intimate

ceremony in Santa Monica, Calif., in February.

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# Levi's sex talk with Tyra

**RELATIONSHIP** A rep for the Palin family is slamming Levi Johnston — the 18-year-old father of Bristol Palin's newborn son — for blabbing about the couple's sex life on the Tyra Banks Show, us-magazine.com reports.

"We're disappointed that Levi and his family, in a quest for fame, attention and fortune, are engaging in flat-out lies, gross exaggeration, and even distortion of their relationship," Meghan Stapleton tells us-magazine.com in a statement Friday.

"Bristol's focus will remain on raising Tripp, completing her education, and advocating abstinence," Stapleton continues.

"It is unfortunate that Levi finds it more appealing to exploit his previous relationship with Bristol than to contribute to the well being of the child."

"Bristol realizes now that she made a mistake in her relationship and is the one taking responsibility for their actions," Stapleton concludes.

On the show Johnston says he was "pretty sure"

Gov. Palin knew he and Bristol, 18, were having sex when they lived under her roof.

"Moms are pretty smart," he tells Banks. Johnston, 19 and

Palin, 18, called off their engagement in March.

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# Spears not a rock star, says Nicks

**MUSIC** Britney Spears may have suffered a lot of hard knocks, but it's not enough to earn her the moniker "rock star" — at least not according to Stevie Nicks.

"You have to pay dues to be a real rock star," the former Fleetwood Mac singer told Extra! recently. "Britney did not join a band when she was 18 and practice every day for five hours Monday through Friday and then play gigs

Friday, Saturday and Sunday."

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# Guy calls ex 'great mum'

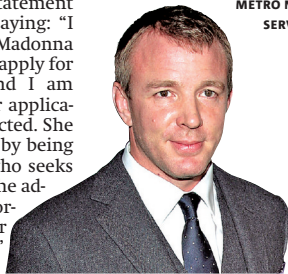
**PEOPLE** British director Guy Richie called his ex-wife Madonna "a great mum" following news that the singer's bid to adopt a second child from Malawi was rejected Friday, people.com reports.

Richie, 40, father to the couple's son Rocco and David Banda — the Malawian boy he and Madonna officially adopted in 2008 — issued a statement through his rep saying: "I fully supported Madonna in her decision to apply for this adoption, and I am saddened that her application has been rejected. She is motivated only by being a caring parent who seeks to share some of the advantages and opportunities that her life has given her."

A judge in Malawi blocked Madonna's attempt to adopt Mercy James, three, citing a residency rule for prospective parents that requires they spend from 18 to 24 months in the country — that requirement was waived for Madonna's first adoption.

Madonna, 50, has filed an appeal to the ruling.

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# Iglesias is shy of his body

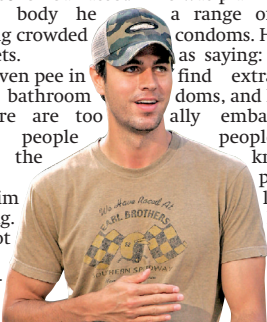
**IMAGE** Enrique Iglesias is too shy to urinate in front of other people, femalefirst.co.uk alleges. The Hero singer, who previously claimed he has a "small penis," is so embarrassed about his body he avoids using crowded public toilets.

"I can't even pee in a public bathroom when there are too many people around," the singer says on his website. "I'm not comfortable walking around

naked. I walk around my house in underwear, but I sometimes feel my housekeeper gets embarrassed."

In 2005, Enrique shocked his fans by saying he was planning to launch a range of extra-small condoms. He was quoted as saying: "I can never find extra-small condoms, and I know it's really embarrassing for people — you know, from experience." He later insisted he had been joking.

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# Winehouse hides out in St. Lucia

**PEOPLE** Though she returned to London as promised when husband Blake Fielder-Civil was released from prison, Amy Winehouse is back in St. Lucia. The troubled singer spent 70 days hiding out in the Caribbean paradise while dealing with her personal demons, and sources say she's returned

this time to start work on the follow-up to her hit Back to Black album, according to MTV UK.

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# Rihanna's jet setting

**CAREER** Rihanna's jet-setting continued this week, usmagazine.com reports.

After hitting Hawaii and New York City in the same week, the singer, 21, returned home to her native Barbados on Friday. She is helping her grandparents celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

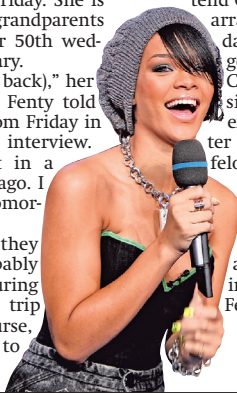
"Yeah (she's back)," her father Ronald Fenty told usmagazine.com Friday in a telephone interview. "She just got in a couple hours ago. I will see her tomorrow."

He says they would "probably do lunch" during her weekend trip home. "Of course, I'm happy to

have her home. Things are good with her," Fenty told Us. "She is doing really, really well. She's back to herself again."

It remains to be seen whether Rihanna will attend Chris Brown's arraignment today in Los Angeles Superior Court. The singer, 19, is expected to enter a plea to two felony counts of assault and making criminal threats after allegedly beating Rihanna Feb. 8 in L.A.

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# Lohan restrained by security at Ronson party

**PEOPLE** Things are definitely looking bad for Lindsay Lohan's relationship with Samantha Ronson. The celebrity DJ was recently working a party at Bar Marmont in L.A. for sister Charlotte Ronson's clothing line, and security was reportedly under strict orders to keep an eye out for Lohan, according to OK magazine.

But the actress showed up anyway, and had to be "restrained from coming in by five security guards," according to an eyewitness. "Lindsay knew she was unwanted, but came anyway, to no avail," said another source.

# Cyrus strives to act responsibly

**FAMILY** Miley Cyrus is terrified of disappointing her parents, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hannah Montana star is determined never to go off the rails like many child stars.

The 16-year-old actress said: "I think it's selfish to go out partying all the time, especially if you have little ones in your family. I have a nine-year-old sister, and I don't want her to go to school and have people make fun of her for it."

However, Cyrus — who shot to fame at the tender age of 12 — admits it's hard to resist temptation living in Hollywood.

She added to America's Glamour magazine: "At one of the very first awards shows I ever did, there was a bottle of vodka in my gift bag. No one cared that they were giving this to a 12-year-old."

On his radio show, Ryan Seacrest recently asked her if she plans on marrying her boyfriend, Justin Gaston. "If he gets a pretty ring," Cyrus joked. But her mom was quick to defuse the drama the next day.

"When I was 16, I definitely thought that too, I was going to marry early," Tish Cyrus told Holliscope. "She's got a lot of growing up to do."

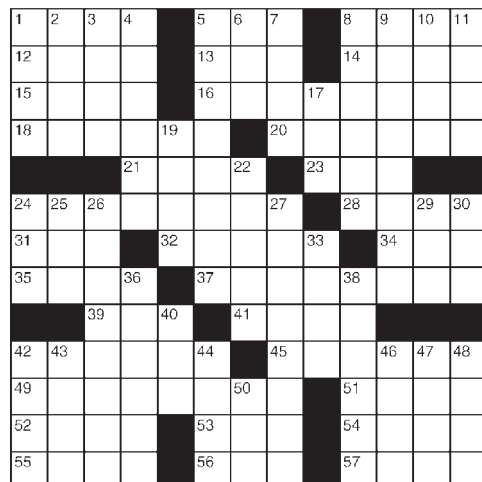
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## Take Five



## Crossword across

- 1 Q-tip tip  
5 Silent  
8 Cold War weapon, for short  
12 Easter flower  
13 Rage  
14 — contendere  
15 Initial stake  
16 White bloom  
18 "Bread"  
20 From what place  
21 Actor Baldwin  
23 Evergreen type  
24 Grow uncontrollably  
28 Moist  
31 Body of water (Abbr.)  
32 The Ram

## Crossword down

- 1 Bridge coup  
2 Drunkard  
3 Choir voice  
4 Local ordinance (Var.)  
5 Gets the info wrong  
6 Grecian vessel  
7 Cat call?  
8 Certainly  
9 County of England  
10 United nations  
11 Sulk  
17 Kid's query  
19 Actress Jessica  
22 Adhere  
24 "No seats" sign  
25 Pinch

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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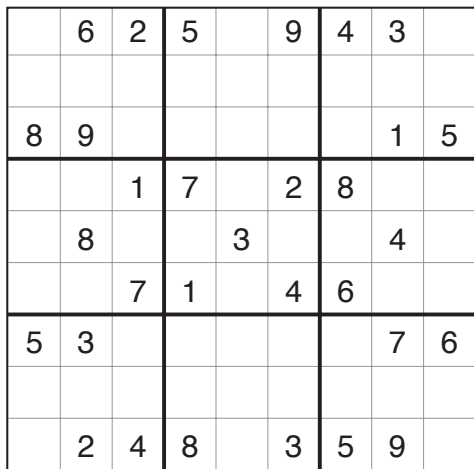
## SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Spanish-Style Chicken

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil  
8 boneless, skinless chicken thighs  
1 medium red onion  
1 clove garlic  
1 red pepper and 1 yellow pepper  
1 can (19 oz/540 ml) chopped tomatoes  
2/3 cup (150 ml) dry white wine  
1 tbsp paprika  
2 3/4 oz (75 g) chorizo sausage  
1 tbsp (25 g) pitted black olives  
Salt and black pepper  
To garnish: A bunch of parsley

## METHOD:

1. Heat oil in large flame-proof casserole pan or braising pan, then cut chicken thighs in half and fry over a high heat until golden.

2. Peel and thinly slice onion and peel and crush the garlic. Add to chicken. Rinse and slice peppers and add to chicken. Fry until peppers are lightly browned and slightly softened.  
3. Stir in tomatoes, wine and paprika and bring to boil. Slice chorizo thickly and add, then simmer 15 minutes, or until chicken is cooked.  
4. Halve olives, add to casserole pan, then season to taste. Rinse, dry and chop parsley. Garnish with parsley and serve with crusty bread.

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## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

ARIES  
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Make a heroic attempt to take the blame for a mistake. A craving can't be ignored. An insightful dream supplies inspiration.

LIBRA  
SEPT 23-OCT 23

A former enemy has a shift in convictions. An introvert has gained too much weight. An old companion will re-enter your life.

TAURUS  
APRIL 21-MAY 21

A thrilling person teaches you a new way of relating. Your prospects convince someone to give aid. A legal issue causes a mishap.

SCORPIO  
OCT 24-NOV 22

A team-mate will make a move. Don't just fade away after confusion clears up. A strange revelation brings you some joy.

GEMINI  
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Someone is forced to change a routine. You want to learn something too fast. You'll find that a problem has already been solved.

SAGITTARIUS  
NOV 23-DEC 21

There'll be questions about an infatuation. Candid comments affect your work. Relationship changes won't be appreciated.

CANCER  
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Ask permission before forcing your opinions on anyone. A young guy makes you chuckle. It's a bad idea to demand a handout.

CAPRICORN  
DEC 22-JAN 20

Be cautious during a surprising encounter. Get comfortable with a melodramatic person. Overcome a challenge to your honour.

LEO  
JULY 23-AUG 23

Good luck comes when strong feelings are shared. A quarrelsome person needs a time-out. Your actions are respected.

AQUARIUS  
JAN 21-FEB 18

A pleased person passes on a valuable bonus. Pride grows after being flattered. A mature friend lifts you out of exhaustion.

VIRGO  
AUG 24-SEPT 22

A whining woman behaves arrogantly. Don't refuse to release a friend from a promise. A man must bed down early tonight.

PISCES  
FEB 19-MARCH 20

A fated couple has a weird encounter. An authority figure insists on rules being obeyed. A benefit comes from dealing with a spoiled brat.

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APRIL 6, 1930: Gandhi raises a lump of mud and salt and declares, "With this, I am shaking the foundations of the British Empire." Thus he starts the Salt Satyagraha.  
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